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Drinking Water through Solar Energy
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decidedto install solar pumps for supply ofdrinking water i n certain Left WingExtremism (LWE) affected districts of10 States including Andhra Pradesh,Maharashtra and Telangana;
(b) if so, the number of solar pumpsinstalled so far, State-wise includingMaharashtra;
(c) whether the said work is going on atvery slow pace;
(d) if so, the steps taken by theGovernment to speed up implementation
of the scheme; and
(e) the details of targets set and achievedunder the scheme during each of the lastthree years and the current year so far inthe country including Andhra Pradesh,State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, In 2012-13, Government of India had started a scheme for installation of Solar pumps for supply of drinking water in certain Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts of 10 States including Andhra Pradesh,Maharashtra and Telangana. Under the scheme, a target of 11,068 Solar pump schemes assigned to these States against which as per information given by these States, the State-wise installation of Solar pumps is given at Annexure.

(c) to (e) The scheme was required to be completed within 18 months from its initiation. However, due to fiscal space of Government of India and low expenditure by States, the 2nd instalment of funds under the scheme could be released to the States only in 2014-15. After release of 2nd instalment,as per information given by States on the online portal of the Ministry, some of the States like Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarhhave shown very good progress under the scheme and the remaining States are yet to achieve their assigned targets as evident from Annexure. The lagging states are being reminded repeatedly during various review meetings for speedy completion of their targets. Further, under the scheme, as reported by the States on Ministry's website, the target wasinstalment-wise and not year-wise. The total achievement under the scheme during each of the last three years and current year along with consolidated target is given at Annexure.